

(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)

# (Natural Resource related items)

• Commercial Boats update! Last week, the 'Shamrock' was raised in Manistee after having been swamped by 40 mph winds the previous week. The 'Mercury' in Ludington is still down and the Coast Guard has retracted their decision to raise it and will let the tribe take care of the issue. This delayed the recovery effort by at least a month.

## (Public Safety/Court related items)

• Indian Police Academy. Tribal Public Safety Director Joseph LaPorte announced at Council on 4.30 that there are more opportunities for tribal citizens to attend the Indian Police Academy and embark on a career in Law Enforcement. Details will appear in the *Currents*. Anyone interested should contact the Public Safety Department soon as the opportunity will not be available for long.

### (Cultural related items)

- **Jiingtamok.** Don't forget the upcoming Little River Jiingtamok July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. As usual, the Pow Wow will be held at the Gathering Grounds across from the Casino. Check out the *Currents* for more details.
- Language Camp. Make plans to attend this years *Anishinaabe Family, Wellness, Culture and Language Weekend* (formerly called the Language Camp) starting July 25<sup>th</sup> and continuing through July 27<sup>th</sup>. For information contact Kenny Pheasant at 231.933.4406 or Teri Raczkowski at 231.398.6891.

#### (General area items)

- **Elders Meeting!** The Elders meeting was held on Saturday and two special presentations were made. The first was to 8 of our tribal youth who have achieved an academic achievement and the second was from the Casino Resort with a contribution to a special Elders' initiative. Read the *Currents* for full details.
- County Regional Summit held. Manistee County held their annual Regional Summit bringing together the various governments and agencies serving all county residents. Ogema Romanelli, Councilman Hardenburgh and three staff members attended and represented tribal interests. A full story will appear in the *Currents*.
- **Trading Post "C" Store update:** The new tribal Convenience store across from the Casino Resort is on time and on schedule for an opening in about 3 weeks. Watch the Rapid River News and the *Currents* for updates.

### (Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Tribal Gas Update!** Beginning on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, tax exempt gasoline and diesel fuel will not be for sale at the Northern Pass Marathon in Manistee. You will be able to make your fuel purchases at the LRBOI Trading Post on US 31 across from the casino.
- **Tax-exempt Cigarettes!** Beginning May 31<sup>st</sup>, you will not be able to purchase tax exempt cigarettes at the Little River Casino. You may purchase them at the LRBOI Trading Post, across from the casino.
- Election Board meeting announced. The next Election Board meeting will be May 14, 2008 at 7pm in the Election Board office.